Resolution Number: RS19-377
February, 2019

Whereas:
RATIONALE: The Board of Trustees policy on Presidential Searches allows for an open search process whereby a CSU campus is informed of the identify of the final candidates and public, on campus meetings or interviews may be scheduled. Most CSU campuses and the Statewide Academic Senate have passed resolutions in support of this process. Given the upcoming Presidential search on the SF State campus, the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University presents this resolution stating our position on open searches.

Whereas:
the Board of Trustees of the California State University System passed a policy in 2011 allowing for an open search process for the selection of all CSU Presidents; and

Whereas:
the American Association of University Professors emphasizes that “open visits are crucial in the success of the search process because they permit members of the campus community to participate in providing impressions, as well as to contribute to the candidate’s understanding of the culture of the institution. In this final phase of the selection process, open visits present vitally important opportunities for both the campus community and the candidate to determine each other’s suitability. This final step is extraordinarily useful to the search committee in making its final recommendation to the board.”

Whereas:
each member campus of the California State University (CSU) system displays a unique culture and embodiment of shared governance, the understanding and appreciation of which requires immediate and first-hand experience; and

Whereas:
arriving on campus without the support and legitimacy provided in part by the process of campus visits would put the chosen candidate for president at a significant disadvantage in building a successful transition; be it therefore

Resolved:
that the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University (SF State) requests the Chancellor and the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (TCSP) schedule official campus visits for the finalists in the search for a new president of SF State in the academic year 2018/19; and be it further
Resolved:
that the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University distribute copies of this resolution to Chancellor White, to the CSU Board of Trustees via Chair Day, and to the CSU Academic Senate via Chair Nelson.